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The following information was obtained on the 26th "Generala Viesta" Inf Bn in KASPERSKE HORY (N 50/ 27):

1. Superior Headquarters: Infantry brigade in SUSICE (N 50/ 28)
2. Utvar No.: Changed from 4836 to 9376 in October 1949.
3. Disposition: KASPERSKE HORY: Bn Hq, 2d, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Co.
REJSTEJN (N 50/ 27): 3rd and 4th Co.
SPICAK (N 50/ 07): 1st and 10th Co.
4. Officers: CO: Lt Col Anton JERACEK, a confirmed Communist.
Dpty CO: Staff Capt BOBROVSKI, a confirmed Communist.
5. Organization: That of a standard independent infantry battalion. A special unit of personnel from all companies was assigned to the CO of the 1st Co. This unit, allegedly the 10th Co, was to be formed only in case of an alert.
Elements of SNB units in the border area (located in SPICAK, MODRAVA (N 50/ 26), and FILIPOVA HUT) were subordinate to the battalion.
6. Strength: About 1,000 men (estimate)
7. Vehicles: Eight trucks, nine passenger cars, two motorcycles and horse-drawn vehicles with about 90 horses.

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8. Ammunition:

The stocks of the battalion ammunition dump, located in the woods about one mile east of KASPERSKY HORY, included a pile (about 30 x 7 x 7 feet) of AT mines. They were of a material resembling bakelite.

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Comment:

a. The 26th "Generala Viesta" Inf Bn of the SUSICE 2d Inf Brig was confirmed in KASPERSKY HORY up to early December 1949 by a previous report*. The 1st Co was confirmed in SPICAK, where the 6th Co was also previously reported to be located, whereas the above report lists the 6th Co as being in KASPERSKY HORY.

b. The 10th Co is believed to be a special unit of the battalion, being outside the standard T/O of an independent infantry battalion.

c. The estimated strength of the battalion is contradictory to another report of the same period which indicates notably low company strengths, even considered detached personnel. The report confirms that the previous Utvar No 4636 was changed to Utvar No 9376.

on the subordination of SNB units to Czech Army units. The assignment of SNB units to the 26th Inf Bn may be an exceptional measure of local character.

1 Annex: Standard Answer Questionnaire

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